

## REMARKS

Newly presented Claims 12-19 are patentably distinguishable over the references because the prior art does not attach a removable closure between a line of perforations and a product in the bag to maintain freshness and to prevent contamination, wherein a seal strip is formed beyond the row of perforations to prevent access to the contents of the bag without tearing the bag along the row of perforations.

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